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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: **MATSUHASHI, Ryo, et al.**

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Serial No.: **10/519,672**

Examiner: **David E. BOCHNA**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: March 15, 2007

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2006 for one month, from February 20, 2007 to March 20, 2007.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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